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SUBJECT: CCD 1977 SUMMER SESSION: PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT FOR OPENING OF CCD

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF OFFICIAL PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT FOR INCLUSION IN OPENING REMARKS TO CCD BY US REPRESENTATIVE.

BEGIN TEXT:

THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT IS BEGINNING ITS 1977 SUMMER SESSION AT A TIME WHEN THE UNITED STATES IS UNDERTAKING NEW DISARMAMENT INITIATIVES IN AREAS OF PRIORITY CONCERN TO BOTH THE CCD AND THE UNITED STATES. WE HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED AN EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF OUR POSITIONS REGARDING A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN ON NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS AND A CHEMICAL WEAPONS PROHIBITION; AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT OUR EFFORTS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD THE FUNDAMENTAL GOAL OF THE CCD --GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT.

THE CCD HAS ACHIEVED A NOTABLE RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT SINCE 1962, INCLUDING THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TREATY. IT HAS DEMONSTRATED, THEREBY, THAT MULTILATERAL ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS CAN INCREASE SECURITY AND PROMOTE TRUST AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD. THE CONFERENCE HAS SET ITS PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE ACTION AND IS NOW READY TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN AND A CHEMICAL WEAPONS PROHIBITION. THE UNITED STATES SHARES THESE PRIORITIES AND FULLY RECOGNIZES THE ESSENTIAL ROLE TO BE PLAYED BY THE CCD.

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HUMANITY, NOR INDEED ABOUT WHICH THERE IS GREATER HOPE FOR PROGRESS, THAN THE CONTROL AND LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS. I HAVE PLEDGED MY ADMINISTRATION'S DEDICATED EFFORTS TO HALTING THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE AND ACHIEVING PRACTICAL LIMITATIONS ON THE WORLD'S CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS. I ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL WORK TIRELESSLY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE CCD.

END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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